

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICEIn re the Application of: **KANAO, Shigeki****ATTN: PCT BRANCH**Serial No.: **10/589,968**Group Art Unit: **3754**Filed: **August 18, 2006**P.T.O. Confirmation No.: **2361**For: **HOSE****RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS**

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January 4, 2008

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements of Application dated **November 7, 2007**, enclosed for filing is an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney for the above-identified patent application.

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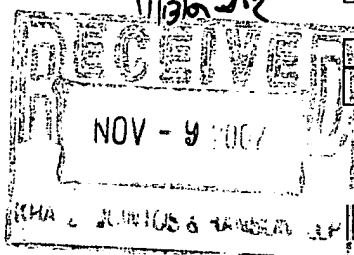
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**NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371
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- Priority Document
- Copy of the International Application filed on 08/18/2006
- English Translation of the IA filed on 08/18/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 08/18/2006
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 11/22/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 08/18/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 08/18/2006
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 08/18/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 08/18/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 08/18/2006

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

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